



Worship Service for
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 27, 2023

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Welcome Card (in the pew rack)
and place it in the offering basket. We look forward to connecting with you.
Also, join us for coffee after church so we can meet you!*

God Gathers His People

Prelude "O Worship the King"

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***Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship God with joy and gladness!
He has called us to be his people, chosen and holy, set apart for his purpose.

He has redeemed us by the blood of Jesus Christ, and given us a living hope. Let us worship him with all our hearts, and give him thanks for his great love.

He is the God who created us, who loves us unconditionally, and who has a plan for our lives.

Let us come before him in humility, and ask for his guidance and blessing. Let us worship him with our words and our actions, and let us live our lives to glorify him.

***Hymn of Praise** "Here I Am to Worship"

LUYH 567

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, give us the increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you have promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

***Song of Worship** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

LUYH 250

God Reconciles Us to Himself

Call to Confession

The Scriptures teach us to humbly acknowledge our sins and offenses before God. We should not conceal them from our heavenly Father, but confess them with humble and obedient hearts. We do this in the assurance of his infinite goodness and mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, Holy God,
We have had other gods before you.

We have sought satisfaction in this world's pleasures rather than in You.

We have taken your name in vain.

We have listened to others use your name in vain without grieving.

We have murdered in our hearts.

We have often destroyed our neighbor with our tongues.

We have committed adultery with our eyes.

We have loved temptation rather than fighting it.

We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others.

We have complained in the midst of Your abundant provision.

We have lied to you and to others.

We have told distorted truths, half-truths, and untruths.

Forgive us and have mercy on us

Words of Assurance

Hear the comforting words:

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

"Through him you have been forgiven all your sins."

And remember this:

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Thanks be to God

(1 Peter 1:18-19 and 2:9, Colossians 2:13)

***Song of Assurance** "Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682

***Welcome and Mutual Greeting**

God Speaks His Word

Blessing for Children

Heavenly Father,

Your wisdom is greater than our minds can attain, and your truth enlightens our learning. To those who study, give curiosity, imagination, and patience to wait and work for insight. Give to all students, teachers, and caregivers a clear sense of your love. Fill their learning with joy. May they feel your presence throughout this school year. Guide their choices, their quest for knowledge, their use of technology, and their relationships. Continue to shape them, that they may walk in the way of Christ, grow strong in the Spirit's love for all people, and know the complete joy of life in you. In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Children Leave for Walkout Worship

(Children 5 through 2nd grade are welcome to join us for Walk Out Worship.)

The teacher will be waiting in the back of the church).

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:1-2

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon "Not from here"

We Respond In Faith

*** Hymn of Application** “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

LUYH 252

*** Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

God Hears Our Prayers

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth, As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

God Receives Our Gifts

Announcements

Offering Grand Haven Christian Endowment Fund

Offertory “Fill Thou My Life, O Lord, My God” LUYH 356

God Blesses Us to Go into the World

***Sending Song** “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” LUYH 946

***Benediction**

Postlude “Church of God, Elect and Glorious” arr Lovelace

Credits & Liturgical Notes

Participants: Rev. Tim Blackmon, Preacher
Julie Hordyk, Piano
Cathy Schaaf, Organ
Amy Anderson, Prayer and Liturgist
Luke Anderson, Christie VanderHeide, Vocalists

We display all music and readings on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) and SNC (green) are in the pew rack; CH (brown) is located under the seat. Large print bulletins are available in the narthex. OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#775073.

Prayer Requests, Praises, Gratitude:

Ruth Wallinga has returned home. Please pray for renewed strength.

Ray Kuiper remains at Resthaven Care Center in Holland. Please keep him and Shirley in your prayers.

Announcements:

Adult Enrichment: Pastor Tim will host **The Afterword** today. This will be an opportunity to learn more about how technology impacts our faith and life.

Save the Date: Mid-Week Gatherings, a seven-week series of Bible Studies with dinner provided, will begin on Wednesday September 13. This will be held from 5:30-7:30pm.

To Be a Christian: A Study of the Heidelberg Catechism with Rev. Tim Blackmon.

This class is designed specifically for:

- Young people and their parents
- People who have never studied the Heidelberg Catechism
- People who have never made profession of faith
- People who want to understand what they believe and why
- People who are newer to Second CRC
- People who want to learn more about Reformed theology
- People who are interested in revisiting this all-time classic

Pray Continually: Building a Framework for Mindful Daily Prayer with Amy Anderson

The apostle Paul exhorts believers to “pray continually,” and “set your mind on things above.” But what does this look like in daily life? How can we quiet the outside noise and learn the “unforced rhythms of grace”?

We will study scripture to uncover pathways to mindful prayer that strengthens our inner reserves and brings glory to God. Using the acronym RITUAL, we will deepen our intimacy with Christ, grow in love for others, and keep in step with the Holy Spirit, producing fruit.

Curious what RITUAL stands for? Come and find out! It's sure to change your prayer life.

Book Club: We will begin the 2023 Season on Monday, September 18 in the Church Parlor at 1:30 PM. The book that will be discussed will be “Middlemarch” by George Eliot. The meeting is open to anyone who loves reading. Mark your calendar!

Children's Ministries: Thank you for the willingness to serve in the children's program. The new schedule has been made and can be viewed [here](#), and a copy's in the mailboxes for those who are serving.

Mom's Hiking Group: The first outing will be at Hemlock Crossing on Thursday, September 7 at 11:30 AM. Questions, please contact [Amy Anderson](#)

Women's Bible Hour: We will begin our fall season on Thursday, September 7 at 1:30pm in the parlor. We will continue our study of Women of the Old Testament and will be discussing lesson 7 on Hannah. Questions, call Char at 616-842-0848.

We are Hiring: We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* and *Children's Ministry Coordinator*. If you know anyone with a talent for leading worship or for training up children for service to the Lord, please have them contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

Faith Promise Updates:

New City Kids~ The Bike Tour went well on Aug. 12. Except for a strong head wind, the weather was excellent for the ride. They served everyone taco, chips, beans, etc. in our church parking lot following the ride. They were so appreciative that our church was again able to provide a location for the after-ride activities.

The Veurinks~ This summer, they hosted 2 short-term missionary teams who have greatly blessed their church and city. Also, they held 3 different Vacation Bible Schools reaching out to over 200 children with the gospel. In July, the annual "Banner of Truth" conference was held with about 450 in attendance. Their son, Benjamin got RSW in March and has been consistently getting sick. They ask for prayers for his health to improve and fully recover.

The Hamiltons~ In June, H2O church was part of the Involvement Zone where they got to meet incoming freshmen. Hopefully many of them will respond to invites and decide to come to church with them. The family went to Camp Geneva at the end of July where Dan and Kristin served as chaplains for a week and their kids participated in camp.

Volunteer Schedule

August 27, 2023

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Dirk Weesies, Harley Dyk

Ushers: Curt DeJongh (Team 2), Gord Buitendorp, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStraat

Coffee Hosts: Doug & Cheryl Diephouse, Jay & Cindy Brace

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Mary Terpstra

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Yasmin VanderHeide

Walk Out Worship: Emily Bierma, Vivienne McCarthy

Greeters: David Vander Heide, Dick & Shirley Good

Offering: Grand Haven Christian Endowment Fund

September 3, 2023

Projection: Harley Dyk

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jim Query, Dirk Weesies, Ethan Hodge

Ushers: Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Tom Bierma

Coffee Hosts: Jane DeGroot, Agnes DeBoer, John & Kathy Buitenhuis

Nursery: Kim VanStratt, Kerry Bierma

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Van Stratt Kid

Walk Out Worship: Amy Anderson, Gabe Schaaf

Greeters: Jim Warners, Jamie & Amy Goorman

Offering: International Aid

Calendar

Sunday, August 27

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

11:30 AM—Afterword

Monday, August 28

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

Tuesday August 29

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

Wednesday, August 30

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

1PM- Knitting Club

Thursday, August 31

9 AM-1 PM—Office Hours

Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 2

Sunday, September 3

10:00 AM—Sunday Service

11:30 AM—Afterword

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